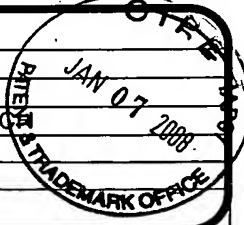


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: JAN 7 2008 <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
Sheet 1 of 1		Application Number: 10/537,709 Filing Date: 11/19/2003 First Named Inventor: Hans-Peter SENDELBAUGH Art Unit: 3616 Examiner Name: Karen J. Amores Attorney Docket Number: 076326-0305			

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	C1	2001/0011812 A1	08/09/2001	Seki et al.	
	C2	5,765,863	06/16/1998	Storey et al.	
	C3	6,062,594	05/16/2000	Asano et al.	
	C4	6,155,598	12/05/2000	Kutchey	
	C5	6,250,676 B1	06/26/2001	Werstat et al.	

UNPUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Application Document	Filing Date of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Serial Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	C6	DE 100 41 042 A1	05/03/2001	TRW Vehicle Safety Systems	Corresponds to US 6155598	Abs
	C7	JP 9-323605	12/16/1997		Corresponds to US 5765863	Abs
	C8	JP 10-297409	11/10/1998	Toyoda Gosei Co Ltd.	Corresponds to US 6062594	Abs
	C9	JP 11-059312	03/02/1999	Honda Motor Co Ltd.	Corresponds to US 2001/0011812	Abs
	C10	JP 2000-507526	06/20/2000		Corresponds to US 6250676	
	C11	JP 2001-171468	06/26/2001	Toyoda Gosei Co Ltd.		Abs

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.